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Jeff S. Jordan
Supervisory Attorney
Federal Election Commission
999 E. Street, NW
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RE: MUR 6194

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I am writing this letter to serve as an official response to allegations made against the Smoot for Congress campaign. I believe these allegations are completely frivolous and without merit.

Concerning allegations made against Shelia Smoot and her campaign for Congress, those allegations were not sent to the campaign. However, Shelia Smoot on April 21 filed both the Form 1 and Form 2 in compliance with the FEC guidelines. These forms were filed before the candidate reached the \$5,000 threshold which requires a candidate to qualify. The allegations made by Mr Afrika, received by the FEC on May 18, 2009 are completely erroneous and rely upon hearsay of a conversation. Mr. Afrika also never discloses how he obtained these sources and they are not certified.

Any information that the campaign has raised money beyond the threshold and not reported it is completely unfounded and relies on inaccurate details. The campaign filed accordingly with the FEC guidelines when Smoot officially became a candidate. According to the instructions provided in Form 2, an individual becomes a candidate and required to fill out Form 2 only once they have reached the \$5,000 threshold.

Furthermore, the complaint lacks specificity in terms of any potential violations that have been alleged against Shelia Smoot or her Congressional Campaign. As the campaign treasurer, I can attest to the fact that I have received and recorded all donations. I have

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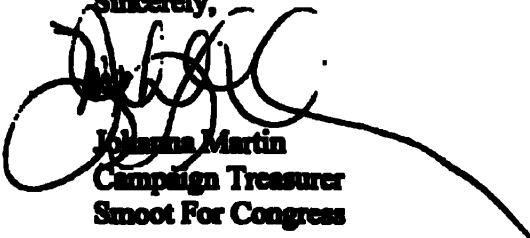
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also made sure that all forms were filed with the FEC based on the Form 1 and Form 2 requirements.

The party served with this complain also request that the FEC require the complaining party to pay the legal fees for this complaint. Stated on the letter that I received with the complaint, this matter is stated to remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C 437 g(a)(4)(B) and 437 g(a)(12)(A). However, we believe that Mr. Afrika has already violated that Federal Law by sending a copy of his complaint to several media outlets in Birmingham, Alabama. The campaign was originally informed of these allegations not through the FEC but through a local media source. I will be happy to provide your office with more information regarding the dissemination of this information, which we believe to be in clear violation of several laws.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and I look forward to the expedited disposition of this matter.

Sincerely,



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